North Fork Trail (#929)



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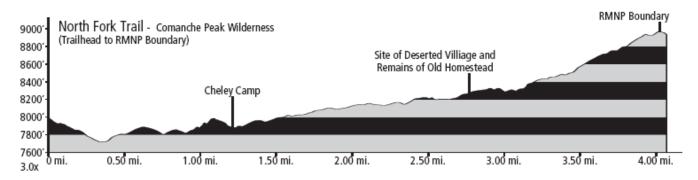
Wilderness: Comanche Peak Difficulty Rating: moderate

One-way Length: 4.3 miles Use: very heavy

Beginning Elevation: 7,990 feet **Quadrangle Maps:** Glen Haven and

Estes Park

Peak Elevation: 8,970 feet



Access: Travel on U.S. Highway 34 west of Loveland to Drake. Turn right on County Road 43, Glen Haven Road, and continue for 6 miles to Dunraven Glade Road. Turn right and travel 3 miles to the trailhead parking lot at the end of this gravel road.

Trail Information: The trail drops abruptly into the canyon and follows the North Fork of the Big Thompson River for several miles. Bridges have been placed at some stream crossings. The trail briefly passes through the private Cheley Camp, please do not trespass. Before the trail departs from the river, it passes through large open meadows with historic cabins, commonly known as Deserted Village and then ascends to the border of Rocky Mountain National Park. A favorite route for backpackers involves being dropped at the North Fork trailhead, hiking through Rocky Mountain National Park, and exiting via the Stormy Peaks Trail (#980) to be picked up at its trailhead near the Pingree Park Campus of Colorado State University. Permits are required for overnight stays in Rocky Mountain National Park and no dogs are allowed.

General Wilderness Regulations

- o Dogs must be on a hand held leash
- No motorized or mechanized equipment
- o Camps, campfires, and stock, where allowed, at least 200 feet from water and trails
- Group size limited to 12 people or stock animals combined
- o Certified weed-free hay is required for stock

Wilderness Travel Zone Regulations

- Camping allowed only in designated sites
- No campfires stoves only
- Overnight stock use is prohibited